

Golden Valley

CITYNEWS

Douglas Drive Corridor Study Enters Final Phase

As the City of Golden Valley works on a vision for a safer and more functional Douglas Dr corridor, it is asking citizens for input on ideas that will guide long-term development in the area (see sidebar for list of goals).

Ever since the Douglas Dr Corridor Study kicked off in July 2008, City planners and engineers have been looking at ways to improve traffic flow, pedestrian safety, and aesthetics.

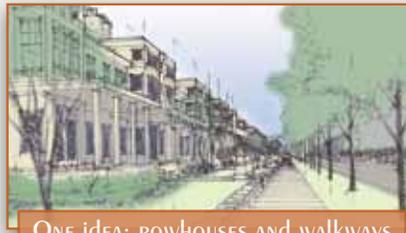
They are identifying funding options for comprehensive reconstruction of the corridor infrastructure and seeking immediate funding for critical components such as a sidewalk on the east side, between the Luce Line Regional Trail and Duluth St.

The City held an open house Aug 13 to begin the final phase of the Douglas Dr Corridor Study. More than 125 residents attended to review ideas for future land uses and roadway configurations along the corridor. Public suggestions and input will be incorporated into the final draft of the study, to be completed late this year and posted online.

Public participation in the study is vital to its success. Learn more about the study and provide comments at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/zoning/DouglasDrive/.

The Douglas Dr Corridor Study was funded in part by a grant awarded by Transit for Livable Communities in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration and the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Questions? Contact City Planner Joe Hogeboom at 763-593-8099 or jhogeboom@ci.golden-valley.mn.us.



ONE IDEA: ROWHOUSES AND WALKWAYS

Douglas Drive Improvement Goals

Long term, the City of Golden Valley hopes to guide development along Douglas Dr that will suit the various needs of the corridor's residents, businesses, and travelers. This includes mixed-use development, which incorporates residential and commercial properties into an area with easy access to transit options, as well as other residential and commercial development. Goals include:

- improving transportation connectivity and functionality
- maintaining a diverse mix of land uses, including residential, commercial, and industrial
- integrating rather than separating land uses, where appropriate
- maintaining the corridor as an employment center
- improving the area's visual coherence and attractiveness
- fostering neighborhood-serving retail and services
- fostering sustainable development and a balance between urban and natural systems



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State Budget Woes Affect Golden Valley

Even in tough economic times and with constricted resources, Golden Valley strives to provide quality services. The City Council's goal is to try to retain staffing to meet the service needs of the community and mandates by state and federal agencies.

As the state government struggles with budget deficits, it is passing along the cost of mandated services to local units of government. At the same time, residents are struggling with effects of the recession and are turning to government-funded programs.

Golden Valley reexamined its budget in 2009 after the state took action to deal with a projected \$4.5 billion budget deficit. As one measure to balance its current biennium budget, the state held back millions of dollars in aid to counties and cities by the unallotment of Local Government Aid and Market Value Homestead Credit payments.

Golden Valley does not receive Local Government Aid, but its budget has reflected the Market Value Homestead Credit (MVHC), which Hennepin County collects from its cities and remits to the state. The state usually reimburses the MVHC to cities in October and December.

Golden Valley lost \$164,142 in MVHC in 2008 and \$344,471 in 2009; it will lose another \$369,238 in 2010.

Future budgets may follow a similar path. The League of Minnesota Cities has warned cities not to anticipate improvement in the state's economic condition for a while. The state budget will likely face another deficit into the 2012-2013 biennium.



City Sets 2010 Proposed Budget/Levy

At its Sept 1 meeting, the Golden Valley City Council certified a preliminary tax levy of \$16,327,725—a 1.26 percent increase from 2010. The median home (valued at \$270,000) will see an increase of \$31 in the City portion of its property taxes.

Property taxes support about 71 percent of the City's annual budget; the remainder of the funds comes from fees for services and other sources. The City's 2010 proposed budget shows a decrease in general fund expenditures of \$514,220, or 3.33 percent. This reflects no pay increases for employees, delayed rehiring upon retirements, delayed capital and equipment purchases, and refinancing debt at lower rates when possible. The City also participates in money-saving partnerships, consortiums, and group purchasing. The tax levy provides for many City services (see graphic below).

The City needs \$11,996,290 of property tax revenue to fund 2010 general fund operations. Adding current bond payments for the Pavement Management Program and equipment certificates, plus the fire relief pension and tax abatement levies, brings the total to \$16,327,725. This amount will be collected from taxpayers in 2010 based on property values as of Jan 2, 2009 (set by Hennepin County) and tax classifications set by the state legislature.

Overall, total Golden Valley residential and commercial property values decreased by 5.2 percent for taxes payable 2010. The median home value in Golden Valley was \$275,000 for taxes payable in 2009 and went to \$270,000 for taxes payable in 2010. With the current proposed budget, city taxes on the median home will be \$1,297 per year. This is an increase of \$31 per year (\$2.58 per month) from 2009.

The City Council will hold an informal public meeting Tuesday, Dec 8, 6:30 pm, to take input on the proposed 2010 City budget and tax levy. Golden Valley's Truth In Taxation public hearing is scheduled for 7 pm Tuesday, Dec 15. At that meeting, the proposed levy can be lowered but not raised, and Council will take final action on the 2010 budget and tax levy.

For more information about how your City tax dollars are used or the City's proposed 2010 budget or tax levy, go to www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us. If you have questions, contact Finance Director Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010.

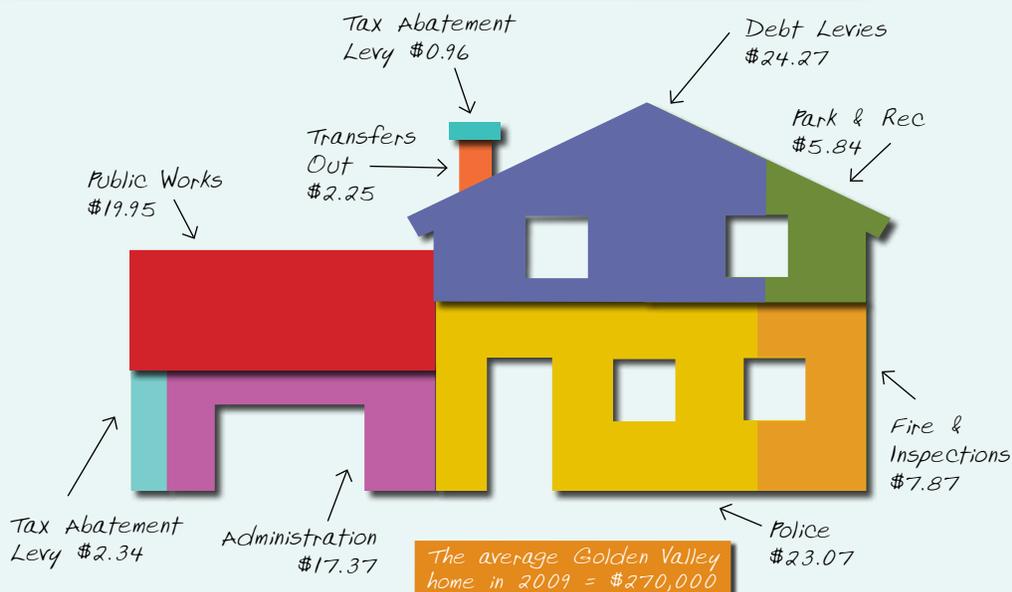
Upcoming Budget Meetings

Dec 8, 6:30 pm
Informal input to Council

Dec 15, 7 pm
Truth In Taxation public hearing and final Council action



City Services You Get For A Month Of Taxes



Sample A Taste Of Golden Valley Nov 11

Join the Golden Valley Human Services Foundation (GVHSF) Nov 11 from 5:30 to 8 pm for an evening filled with great food, music, and fun. *A Taste of Golden Valley*, held at the Metropolitan Ballroom (5418 Wayzata Blvd), is one of the GVHSF's biggest annual fundraisers to benefit local charities.

Guests sample food from a variety of local restaurants while enjoying music and conversation with friends, neighbors, and community members. A cash beverage and bar service will also be available. In addition, raffle tickets will be sold for theme baskets donated by area businesses and residents. Premier items this year include Vikings tickets, Gopher hockey tickets, guitars signed by Styx and 38 Special, and more.

This year's restaurant line-up has not yet been confirmed, but restaurants participating in 2008 included Alaska Eatery and Glacier Bar, Al's Coffee, Benihana, Byerly's, Chili's, Davanni's, D'Amico and Sons, Golden Valley Country Club, Good Day Café, Jimmy John's, Majors, Mort's Delicatessen, Noodles and Company, and Olive Garden. Entertainment was by Nuance A Duo and the Golden Valley Orchestra String Quartet.

The 2008 *Taste of Golden Valley* helped the GVHSF raise more than \$3,842, which was donated directly to causes serving the Golden Valley community.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at Brookview Community Center, City Hall, Best Wishes Floral, BNC Bank, or at the door. For more information, contact Jeanne Fackler (763-512-2340 or jfackler@ci.golden-valley.mn.us).



Here Comes The 2010 Census

Mark your calendars. The 2010 United States Census is just around the corner!



The decennial census count, which will take place April 1, 2010, has many important implications—it determines the assignment of United States Congressional Districts and the allotment of federal funding to local governments and school districts. Participation in the census is required by federal law. The City of Golden Valley is working to ensure all residents are counted in the census.

For more information about the census, go to <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/> or contact City Planner Joe Hogeboom at 763-593-8099.

...And An HRC Contest To Commemorate It

The Golden Valley Human Rights Commission (HRC) is sponsoring a contest where high school students can create public service announcements that help promote the census. In addition to prizes, winning entries could appear in local media.

Deadline to submit entries is 5 pm Dec 18. For complete information, visit www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/citygovernment/hrc-contest.htm.

HRC Seeks Hobbs Award Nominees

The Golden Valley Human Rights Commission (HRC) is accepting nominations for the 2010 Hobbs Human Rights Award. The Hobbs Award recognizes community members who work to build an environment that promotes fair and equal treatment for everyone.

Complete information regarding eligibility, the nomination and selection process, and past recipients is available on the City website at www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/community/HRCAward.htm. **Nomination deadline is Dec 1.**

You are invited to experience...
"A TASTE OF Golden Valley"

The Golden Valley Human Services Foundation (GVHSF) invites you to experience an evening of great food and good company to benefit human service needs in the community.

Tickets are available at Brookview Community Center, City Hall, Best Wishes Floral, BNC Bank, or at the door.

"A TASTE OF Golden Valley"
 Wed, Nov 11, 2009
 5:30–8 pm
 Metropolitan Ballroom
 Tickets: \$20

'Tis The Season For Tree Pruning

As summer comes to a close and you begin thinking about getting your lawn ready for winter, remember that trees and shrubs need attention also.



Fall is an ideal time to think about pruning. In fact, it's best to do major pruning after the tree's seasonal growth is complete, or after Sept 30. If you don't prune your own trees, now is a good time to begin soliciting bids for winter pruning. Contractors may use heavy equipment to access trees, and the frozen winter ground can help minimize damage to sod and landscaping. Ask friends or neighbors for referrals, or start with the Yellow Pages. Regardless of how you select a tree contractor, always ask for proof of liability and property insurance and check references.

The City of Golden Valley prunes many of its public trees after the coldest part of winter has passed. Winter pruning can result in vigorous new growth in the spring. Although some species (maples, walnuts, and birches) may "bleed" when the sap begins to flow, this is not harmful and will stop when the tree leaves out.

Proper pruning benefits trees and the entire urban landscape. It helps direct growth by removing unwanted branches and reducing total leaf surface, which thereby reduces the food manufactured and sent to tree roots for their development and next year's growth of the crown.

But remember to never top trees. Regardless of how it is done, this destroys the natural form, greatly increases susceptibility to diseases, creates weak branches, and considerably reduces the tree's life span.

For more information, contact City forestry staff at 763-593-8030. 

Leave Your Leaves For Free At Fall Leaf Drop-Off

Looking for a place to unload your leaves this fall? Take advantage of Golden Valley's *Fall Leaf Drop-Off* and do your part to keep area waters clear and clean.

The *Fall Leaf Drop-Off* provides residents a place to dispose of their leaves at no charge during late fall weekends (see leaf below). As in previous years, the drop-off site will be at Brookview Park, south of Hwy 55 at Winnetka Ave. During drop-off days, Brookview Parkway becomes a one-way road. All traffic must enter the site from Winnetka Ave S and exit on Western Ave. City personnel will direct vehicles to drop-off points, where other personnel will help residents unload or de-bag leaves.

Guidelines

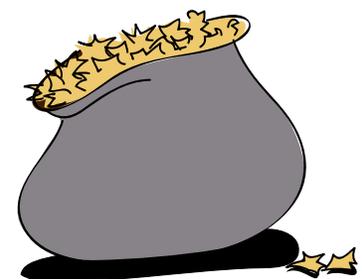
- Participants must provide proof of Golden Valley residency (Minnesota driver's license, ID, or proof of identity and address).
- Residents must untie leaf bags, help de-bag their leaves at the site, and take the bags home for reuse or disposal. No brush will be accepted.

For fast unloading and to conserve your bags, leave them untied. A parking area will be provided for residents to untie their bags before getting in line.

- Residents hauling loose leaves must help unload their leaves at the site (see tips below for loading loose leaves). If you're hauling loose leaves, line the trailer or truck bed with a tarp before loading the leaves. To unload, help the workers lift the corners of the tarp and dump the leaves into the drop-off area.

If you miss the *Leaf Drop-Off*, contact your garbage hauler for its policies and rates or check the *Yellow Pages* or online for names of commercial yard waste processing sites. The Maple Grove Yard Waste Site (14796 101st Ave N) accepts leaves and brush up to 10 inches in diameter for \$7.50/cubic yard April through November. Grass is accepted for \$14/cubic yard June through September. Open Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 7 pm, and Sunday, noon to 7 pm. Site closes November 30 and re-opens April 1 each year. For more information, contact the Yard Waste Site directly at 763-420-8971 or visit www.mgyardwaste.com.

If you have questions about yard waste, call Public Works at 763-593-8030. 



Golden Valley Recycles

The Golden Valley Recycling Program is partially funded by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

Holiday Schedule

<u>Holiday Week</u>	<u>Pick-Up Date</u>
Thanksgiving	Sat, Nov 28
Christmas	Sat, Dec 26
New Year's '10	Sat, Jan 2
Memorial Day '10	Sat, Jun 5
July 4 '10	Fri, July 9
Labor Day '10	Sat, Sept 11

Missed Pick Ups

If your recycling is missed on Friday, call Waste Management at 952-890-1100 before noon on the following Monday.

If you have specific recycling questions, call 763-593-8030.

Mattress? Old TV? Car Battery? Mighty Tidy Day!

By 2020, the Twin Cities Metro area is projected to produce six million tons of waste, nearly twice the amount generated in 2000, according to the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance (MOEA).

That's why it's more important than ever to take part in programs like Golden Valley's *Mighty Tidy Clean-Up Day*. If you have unwanted household items, the sixth annual event is a cost-friendly, environmentally smart way to get rid of them.

This year's *Mighty Tidy Day* is Saturday, Oct 10, 8 am to 1 pm, at Brookview Park. Residents can dispose of mattresses, sofas, broken bicycles, tires, old appliances, computers, and televisions (see box below for list of items and fees). Textiles such as clothes, footwear, purses, and belts are accepted at no charge. Items must be dry and somewhat clean.

Why Participate?

According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MnPCA), Minnesota leads the country in diverting solid waste away from landfills to resource recovery facilities. Still, MOEA also reports that much of the discarded materials contain toxins that threaten public health and the environment.

During the 2008 *Mighty Tidy Clean-Up Day*, the City collected 15.7 tons of bulk waste, more than three tons of metal, 69 appliances, 10,060 lbs of electronics, about 1,700 lbs of batteries, 14 tires, and 170 fluorescent bulbs.

How To Participate

Mighty Tidy Clean-Up Day is open only to Golden Valley residents. Proof of residency will be required at the entrance.

Enter Brookview Parkway (it will be a one-way road for the event) from the north along Winnetka Ave. Workers will collect the appropriate fee by cash or check (see list below) and direct you to one of three lots. No hazardous waste (motor oil, asbestos, cleaning solvents, pool chemicals, etc) is accepted. For more information on *Mighty Tidy Day*, call Golden Valley Public Works at 763-593-8030.

SIXTH ANNUAL EVENT
Cost-friendly and eco-smart!

MIGHTY TIDY DAY
Saturday, Oct 10
8 am - 1 pm
Brookview Park
(south of Hwy 55 & Winnetka Ave)

CHOOSE TO REUSE IN OCTOBER

Every year, Hennepin County residents throw away 32 million pounds of usable items. You can help reduce this volume by supporting businesses and organizations in the community that provide opportunities to rent, repair, resell, consign, trade, sell bulk, and exchange used goods. And by thinking about reuse when shopping, you can save money, help reduce waste, and support the local economy.

To encourage more reuse, Hennepin County Environmental Services is hosting its eighth annual Choose To Reuse program in October. One program highlight: free Choose To Reuse coupon books featuring special deals at local retailers that promote reuse. Local participants include:

- Down In The Valley, National Camera Exchange, Norcostco-Northwestern Costume, and Creative Sewing Centers Inc in Golden Valley
- Down In The Valley and Formal Affair/Wedding Chapel Bridals in Crystal
- Arc's Value Village and Unique Thrift Store in New Hope
- Cartridge World and Norcostco-Northwestern Costume in Plymouth
- Once Upon A Child, OceanTech, and Second Debut Renewed Fashions and Art in St Louis Park

For a complete list, go to www.hennepin.us and search "Choose To Reuse Month." Customers can get the Coupon Book at participating "Choose To Reuse" locations, Hennepin County Service Centers and Libraries, and all Three Rivers Park District locations. You can also download coupons online. Coupons are valid Oct 1–Nov 30, 2009.

For more information, visit Hennepin County Environmental Services website at www.hennepin.us or call 612-348-3777.

MIGHTY TIDY DAY DISPOSAL COSTS

Lot 1

ELECTRONICS

Printer, VCR/DVD... \$ 3
Laser printer \$ 5
Monitor/Plastic TV .. \$15
Computer system (monitor, CPU, keyboard) \$15
Wood TV \$25

Fees for all other electronics will be \$3-\$25 based on size.

TIRES/BATTERIES/BULBS

Car tire \$ 5
Truck tire \$ 7
Tire rims \$ 2
Batteries \$ 3
Bulbs \$ 2

TEXTILES no charge

Lot 2

SCRAP METAL

Clean metal no charge
Other (bikes, etc).... \$ 5

APPLIANCES

Non-refrigeration \$20
Freon units \$24

Lot 3

Bulk Items

Mattress/Box Spring (any size)..... \$15
Couch \$20
Hide-A-Bed \$25
Chair (small)..... \$ 5
Chair (large)..... \$10

Misc Items \$18/yard

Recreation OPPORTUNITIES

Find details on the following recreation opportunities in the Fall Recreation Activities Brochure or the City website (www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us).

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Tap & Ballet (ages 4–18)—Sat mornings beginning Nov 14, \$36.

Kids' Club (ages 3–5)—New classes start Oct 27 & 28. Mon and Wed or Tue and Thur, 9:30–11 am. Brookview Community Center, \$38/12 classes.

Spooktacular (ages 4–10)—Sat, Oct 24, Crystal Community Center, \$6.

Monster Mash Teen Dance (grades 5–7)—Fri, Oct 23, 7–9:30 pm. \$5 before Oct 22, \$8 at the door.

Chess for Parent & Tots (ages 3–6)—Wed, Nov 4–Dec 16, 10–11 am, New Hope Ice Arena, \$26.

Basketball Winter Warm-up—(grades 2–3) Tue, Nov 10–Dec 15, 6–7:30 pm; (grades 4–6) Mon, Nov 9–Dec 14, 6–7:30 pm, \$12.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tuning Forks—Mon, Oct 5–Nov 23, 6:30–7:30 pm, Brookview Community Center, \$16.

Pilates—Mon, Oct 5–Nov 23, 6:30–7:30 pm, Brookview Community Center, \$56.

Yoga—Tue, Oct 6–Dec 15, 11 am–noon, Brookview Community Center, \$56.

Hoop It Up (Hula-Hooping Fitness)—Thur, Oct 8, 6–7:30 pm, \$12

Swing & Social Ballroom Dance—Sun, Nov 1–22, 5–6:30 pm, Brookview Community Center, \$50/person.

Register in person, by mail, phone, fax (763-512-2344), or online (www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/econnect/).

For more information, contact:
Park & Recreation
Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Parkway
Golden Valley, MN 55426
763-512-2345
Monday–Friday, 8 am–5 pm

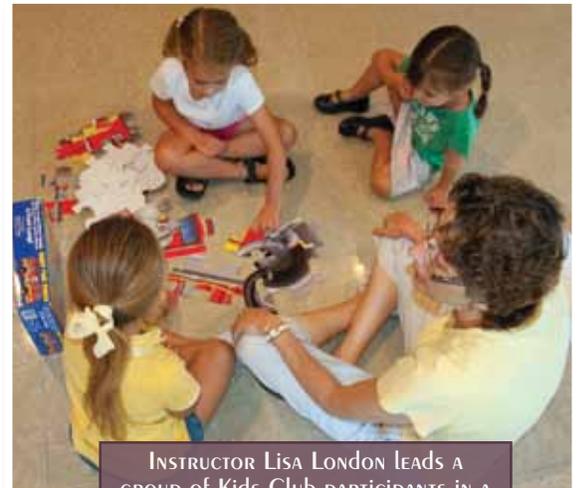
Kids Club: A Stepping Stone To School

If your child or grandchild has never been in a preschool class before but is approaching that age, Golden Valley offers a transitional program that works like a stepping-stone to full-time preschool.

Kids Club is run like a preschool class, says Lisa London, instructor of the program since 1996. "They get a small-group environment and the ability to meet other kids and make friends."

The program, which kids attend twice a week from 9–11:30 am, generally has four to 12 students enrolled. They take part in art activities, circle time, snack time, playtime, story time, and cooperative puzzle solving. The program

runs about six weeks per session, with six sessions per year. Parents can sign their kids up either for Mondays and Wednesdays, or Tuesdays and Thursdays.



INSTRUCTOR LISA LONDON LEADS A GROUP OF KIDS CLUB PARTICIPANTS IN A COOPERATIVE PUZZLE-SOLVING SESSION.

Sign your kids up anytime for the Kids Club and Preschool Playtime programs!

"The Kids Club Program is a great way for kids this age to enjoy a preschool experience in a fun, low-key setting," says Andy Soltvedt, recreation supervisor. "Lisa has done a wonderful job and is an excellent instructor whom the kids and parents really enjoy."

Golden Valley Park and Recreation's Preschool Playtime program, a less structured playtime gathering held on Fridays, is another option for this age group. That program started in mid-January and was created after community members expressed a desire for someplace they could take their children in the winter—a place

where they could mingle with neighbors as their kids made new friends. Both programs are held at the Brookview Community Center.

Registration for both programs is open at any time. Call the Park and Recreation Department at 763-512-2345. ~



Bridge Builders Inspires Community Cooperation

There are a million ideas floating around any community. People toss them out when talking with neighbors, or at parties, or at baseball games. "What this town needs is a dog park." "Wouldn't it be great to have a club for people who like walking and photography?" "It would be fun to have a Golden Valley chili cook-off." "I wish we had a garden club that met at night, so I could participate."

With so many great ideas, why are only a small percentage ever implemented? Two words: resources and leadership. While it's fun to daydream and speculate, it takes work to make things happen.

Golden Valley Bridge Builders helps make things happen (see box below). It was designed to connect people in the community with others who may share their interests, then put them on the path to self-sufficiency in getting their ideas off the ground.

Take the Golden Valley Evening Garden Club, for example. Bridge Builder Ellen Mickelson wanted to be involved with the Golden Valley Garden Club

but found it hard to get to their daytime meetings. She attended a few Bridge Builder events/get-togethers and met Barb Ego and Cathy Waldhauser. While Barb was new to Bridge Builders, Cathy had volunteered with the Hwy 55 Lilac Planting Party last October. The three women agreed on their desire for an evening garden club, but none of them wanted the full responsibility of organizing one. So, they split the start-up duties and the rest, as they say, is history.

The Evening Garden Club, now a unit of the 70-year-old Golden Valley Garden Club, held its first meeting in July at Brookview Community Center. The group has a regular meeting date (first Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm, at Brookview), a full slate of activities and events for the coming year, and a website in the works. And all it took was connecting with the right people.

New members are welcome. "Be sure to mention how much fun we have," adds Ego.

Questions? Contact Ellen Mickelson at c creations@gmail.com. Want to get your own idea going? Check out Bridge Builders (see below). ~



AT ITS SEPTEMBER MEETING (FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6 PM) GOLDEN VALLEY EVENING GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS LEARNED ABOUT CUTTINGS. ELLEN MICKELSON (IN BLACK) HELPED GET THE CLUB STARTED.

Come Join Bridge Builders

Community connections can occur in many ways, and the Golden Valley Bridge Builders can show you the ropes. Come and learn how you can get involved on your own terms and connect with others who share your ideas and interests.

Bridge Builders Training
Saturday, Oct 17
9 am — noon

For details, RSVP to Jeanne Andre at 763-593-8014 or jandre@ci.golden-valley.mn.us. ~



Senior Stuff

Unless noted otherwise, most activities are at Brookview Community Center and require advance registration with the Seniors Program office (see below).

GOLDEN TONES CHORUS

Practices Thursdays, 10:30–11:30 am, Calvary Lutheran Church music room. Monthly performances.

INSURANCE COUNSELING

Nov 10 & Dec 8. Call for FREE one-hour appointment at 9, 10, or 11 am.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

- 4-Hour Refresher Course—Nov 12, Dec 10, Jan 14, 9 am–1 pm, \$17

Register by sending a check to Minnesota Safety Council, 474 Concordia Ave, St Paul, MN, 55103.

MONEY MATTERS

Nov 19: "Protecting a Lifetime of Retirement Savings," 10–11 am, donation for refreshments.

LIVING WISE AND WELL

- Nov 5: "Healthy, Easy Meals for One or Two"
- Dec 3: "Fall Prevention and Staying Safe in Your Home"

Both at 1 pm, Calvary Cooperative, 7600 Golden Valley Rd. Free.

HAPPY FEET FOOT CARE CLINIC

Nov 17 & Dec 15: Call 763-560-5136 to schedule a half-hour appointment. \$30, payable to Happy Feet Footcare, Inc at time of service.

"MARY WANDERERS" TRIP PROGRAM

- Dec 15: "Away in the Basement" and lunch at Plymouth Playhouse, \$50. (register by Nov 25)

"FINANCIAL AND LEGAL ISSUES FOR SENIORS AND CAREGIVERS"

Nov 4, 6 pm, Golden Valley Library. Learn about power of attorney, specialized insurance, health care directives, and more. Register by calling the Seniors office by Nov 1.

Golden Valley Seniors Program
Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Parkway
Golden Valley, MN 55426
763-512-2339
8 am–5 pm, Monday–Friday

GVPD: Behind The Scenes



When you think about a police department, you likely imagine officers in uniform, squad cars, criminal arrests, detective work, and patrols. But some of the most important duties that occur within a police department are behind the scenes, and behind a desk.

Processing criminal complaints, updating crime reports, setting up the proper routes for apprehension and criminal holding, and keeping track of evidence and suspects are all taken care of by five community service officers (CSOs) and three administrative assistants at the front of the building: Amanda Johnson, Nancy Stebe and Stacie Budig.

"They have a number of unglamorous duties that support the actions of sworn employees in countless ways, and the value of their work cannot be emphasized enough," says Police Chief Stacy Altonen.

They're also the people you talk to when you call the Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD).

"I want the public to have a positive perception of the police so they know we are there to help them if needed," Stebe says.

In charge of data entry, these three input crime reports into the department's network and become intimately aware of all crime that happens in the City.

**"Nothing surprises me anymore...
Everyday it's something different.."**

"Nothing surprises me anymore," Stebe says, while typing in a DWI arrest report. "Every day it's something different."

Johnson describes herself as a "go-to" person, providing assistance to the officers and other co-workers to smooth the often arduous process that comes between a criminal arrest and a conviction.

With the help of advancing technology, "it is thrilling to see how everything comes together in the end and how efficiently we meet our goals," Johnson says.

Budig, as someone in charge of taking department phone calls, says providing good customer service is very important to the function of the department and how it meshes with residents.

"Many people are somewhat apprehensive about calling the police department and feel like their question or problem isn't important enough to warrant a phone call," she says. "So it is important to convey to them that we are happy to assist them in any way we can."

Some of these duties stretch beyond the front office. Johnson acts as a liaison between the police department and the Golden Valley Crime Prevention Fund (see story on page 10). She is also the only civilian and one of only two people at the department who has access to the property/evidence room. There she's trusted to manage and keep track of all the evidence and property obtained after arrests, including dozens and dozens of firearms, barrels of drugs, shelves of alcohol and computers containing illegal material, not to mention stolen property, including video game systems, boom boxes, and large-screen digital television sets.

"I'm the first civilian in department history to be doing this," Johnson says. "This job is never boring. That's for sure."

Paperwork And Analysis

These three administrative assistants work directly under Crime Analyst Joanne Paul, who supervises the GVPD's civilian support staff, including administrative assistants and CSOs. She organizes and provides statistical and crime trend information to the command staff and helps detectives analyze information for ongoing investigations. Besides working with Golden Valley investigators, she also meets regularly with investigation units from other cities to share information.

"Arrests are not slam dunks," says Paul. "Arrests are when the work starts. There are reports to be filed and compiled, and all of that information has to be managed, analyzed, and presented in a way that will support the case."



NANCY STEBE



STACIE BUDIG



AMANDA JOHNSON



"I have an analysis I could paper a room with," she adds, "information on people related to the case and how they're related to one another and the victims. All of this can help the investigators and the attorneys."

She says she likes that she and her staff can really make a difference, that the information they provide can help convict criminals or

reduce crime. For example, after seeing a spike in theft from autos this summer in the I-394 area, the GVPD papered the area with warning flyers. Within weeks the number of thefts plunged, Paul says.



JOANNE PAUL

On The Job Training

All this is done with the help of CSOs, positions filled by men and women currently enrolled in law enforcement programs at college. Golden Valley has five CSOs: Andrew Jelle, Erika Motsick, Andrea Moss, Justin Kuipers and Matt Boelter. Their main responsibilities include answering non-emergency phone calls, handling

animal complaints, and helping officers tow vehicles, do traffic control, and complete paperwork. If you visit the GVPD, a CSO will be the first person you see.

"The most important part of the job for me is using this experience as a CSO for my future career as a police officer," says Motsick. "The CSO position is a great stepping stone for police work as it focuses on customer service and enforcing city ordinances. Although I have taken several courses in law enforcement and just finished with the hands-on portion, working in a police department gives me real-life perspective."

And even without doing official officer duty, their jobs can be pretty testing.

"The most interesting thing I've faced while at the department would be getting calls to scrape dead animals off of the highway," says Moss. "Seriously, how am I supposed to go out on Olson Memorial Hwy at rush hour and pick up a dead rabbit?"

The crime analyst, administrative assistants, and CSOs are all necessary to the function of the GVPD, which in turn is necessary to ensure the safety and protection of Golden Valley citizens.

"The most important thing I try to do every day," Boelter says, "is show respect to others and give them the service they deserve and appreciate."

What's In The PROPERTY ROOM?

The property room holds evidence for pending cases, as well as stolen property that has not been claimed. There are shelves of firearms, large and small electronics, computers containing illegal material, alcohol, and a vast array of personal items. The barrels seen above contain illegal drugs on their way to be destroyed. Everything is tagged, inventoried, and tracked by Golden Valley Police Department (GVPD) staff. Only two people at the GVPD have access to the room.

Meet the Community Service Officers



ANDREW JELLE



JUSTIN KUIPERS



ERIKA MOTSICK



ANDREA MOSS



MATT BOELTER

Crime Prevention Fund Programs

The Golden Valley Crime Prevention Fund sponsors these programs and more:

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

ongoing program to educate residents about local crime trends and criminals; provide information about security devices, prevention programs, and resources in security and safety; and answer questions and learn about concerns to better serve the community

MINNESOTA'S NIGHT TO UNITE

an annual celebration of strong partnerships between neighborhoods and police as a crime prevention strategy

MASTER'S SAFETY SEMINAR

safety education on topics affecting older citizens

GVPD UNIVERSITY

ongoing, in-depth safety education classes

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

ongoing presentations in local schools on topics such as personal safety, bullying prevention, and prevention of vandalism and other property crimes

COUNTERACT

a five-week drug education program for adolescents focusing on consequences of actions, influences on behavior, violence prevention education, safe and legal activities, and steps in refusing alcohol, chemicals or drugs

Kids & Cops

ongoing program providing positive after-school activities for at-risk students while helping them build relationships with Golden Valley police officers

Bike RODEO

an annual evening of bike safety checks, riding skills tests, and fun

Safety CAMPS

an annual summer program providing area youth with interactive safety education, including fire safety, bike/pedestrian safety, personal safety, 911, first aid, safety in the home, and much more

Crime Prevention Fund Strengthens Community

Many of Golden Valley's public safety programs have become embedded in the community's fabric—Neighborhood Watch, Night To Unite, Safety Camp, Master's Safety Seminar, Kids & Cops, Bike Rodeo, and a handful of school safety curricula. And none of them would exist without help from a team of civilian volunteers.

While many people have never even heard of it, the Golden Valley Crime Prevention Fund has been a crucial crime fighting and community building tool for the City for more than 30 years, says Crime Fund President Nancy Azzam.

"Our programs are designed to get more residents familiar with local police, to help them get to know their names and faces outside of a crime setting," Azzam says.

Using donations from residents and local businesses, the Crime Prevention Fund pays for programs that the Golden Valley Police Department budget can't afford. Once a year, the Police Department gives Fund volunteers a request for services in need of money, and the volunteers mail a letter to residents asking for donations to make those services possible. Letters are sent to a third of the community each year, reaching all residents every three years. The next letter will be mailed in October.

"We are grateful for the support from our volunteers on the Crime Fund Board," says Police Chief Stacy Altonen. "They truly work in concert with us for the benefit of the community as a whole."

The Crime Prevention Fund Board generally raises about \$12,000-\$14,000 a year, says Treasurer Jennifer Moreen. The amount of money raised has dipped slightly in the current economy. Remaining fund gaps are covered by program attendance fees. See the sidebar for descriptions of activities supported by the Crime Prevention Fund.

Moreen says the group is always looking to raise more money for programs, so anyone interested can call her at 612-987-0337, or Azzam at 763-588-3300.

The volunteers who make up the Golden Valley Crime Prevention Fund Board of Directors include Azzam, Moreen, Dan Freeman, Rhonda Hammons, Judy Mustard, Ralph Schulz, Hilvie Ostrow, Harriet Betzold, and Mark Friederichs.

Help build crime prevention efforts in Golden Valley by giving to the Crime Prevention Fund.



Neighborhood Watch Meetings

ZONE 1

Golden Valley Police Dept
7800 Golden Valley Rd
Monday, Oct 12
7-8 pm

ZONE 2

Golden Valley Police Dept
7800 Golden Valley Rd
Tues, Oct 27
7-8 pm

Fire Up Your Furnace Early, Test It Often

Now may be the best time to make sure your furnace is working properly, suggests Golden Valley Fire Education Specialist Stephen Baker.

"If you wait until it's too cold, and the furnace doesn't work, then you have an urgent problem," he says. "If you find out your furnace isn't working while it's still fairly warm, then you have some time to fix it."

Also, check your furnace during the day rather than at night. If there is a carbon monoxide leak or any other issue with the furnace, you don't want to find out about the problem in the middle of the night.

Late fall and early winter marks the most dangerous time in the year for carbon monoxide poisoning.

According to the Minnesota Department of Health, CO is an odorless, colorless gas, often a by-product of burning, that interferes with normal oxygen uptake. It's dangerous because the human body mistakes CO for oxygen, leading to a replacement of oxygen molecules in the bloodstream with CO molecules. The first signs of CO poisoning may include headaches and breathlessness. Longer exposure may lead to flu-like symptoms.

State law requires all homes to have a carbon monoxide detector within 10 feet of every bedroom. Baker recommends also having one on each level of the home, especially the same level as the furnace, since that's the most likely source of a CO leak.

Had your furnace inspected lately? Test it before cold weather moves in.

It's a good idea to have your furnace inspected annually, says Baker. Ideally, furnaces should be inspected once a year, but since inspections cost money, people generally don't have them checked that often, he adds.

"It's important to get it done," Baker stresses. "The cost of neglecting your furnace could be the health and safety of your family."

For more information, visit www.cpssc.gov or call Golden Valley Fire Education Specialist/Training Coordinator Stephen Baker at 763-593-3977.



Safety Begins In Your Home

"Keeping people safe in their own homes can be a challenge because everyone lives in a bubble," says Crime Analyst Joanne Paul. "If it hasn't happened to them or someone they know, it might not be on their radar, or they think, 'Oh, that will never happen to me.'"

While there are endless ways for people to safeguard themselves and their homes, some have more of an immediate impact, says Fire Education Specialist Stephen Baker. Here are a few of the most important:

The most common cause of fires in any home is **cooking**. The best way to prevent cooking fires is to attend the stove at all times. NEVER leave an open flame or boiling pot unattended. Keep clothes and other combustible objects clear of the burner.

Installing a **properly working fire alarm** is one of the easiest ways to prevent a future tragedy. Also, make sure you have and know how to operate a fire extinguisher. And devise an escape plan in case of fire.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is a leading cause of death inside homes. Make sure you have a carbon monoxide detector on all levels, especially near sleeping areas.

Nighttime visits to the bathroom are the leading cause of falls in a home. Take your time, turn on lights, and install handrails and traction pads. A broken hip can significantly reduce a senior's life expectancy.



**Computer Geek.
Father.
Firefighter.**

Josh
New Recruit, 2006

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JOSH RICHARDSON LEARNED FIREFIGHTING on a submarine in the Navy and thought of it as a job—"everyone had to do the safety stuff for survival." When a friend became a firefighter years later, he began to appreciate the community service aspect. He became a firefighter himself and soon discovered a new passion.

"I truly love it," Richardson says. "I always say, 'Work pays the bills, but this is my real job.' When I look back, I wish I had started this earlier."

What Richardson missed most about the military was the camaraderie. "That's what drew me in," he says. "I missed belonging to a great group of people and knowing we'll always have each others' backs." He's also found it rewarding to get involved in the community. "I like them knowing we're here to help."

Help Prevent Sewer Backups

Sometimes substances or objects that are flushed or washed down drains clog the system, resulting in sewer problems and backups. The items listed below are the most common cause of blocked sewers.

Paper Products Put diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, cigarettes, cotton balls, Q-tips, and tissues in the trash, not the toilet. These items do not dissolve in the line—they build up and get caught.

Lint and Hair Screen all drains and use a lint trap on your laundry hose. Accumulated lint and hair can clog the line.

Grease and Oils Bacon grease, peanut butter, butter, frying oils, and similar substances will harden and stick to the sides of the drain, trapping other items. Store grease in a container, and dispose of hardened grease in the trash. Use the garbage disposal sparingly, and flush with plenty of water. When possible, put food scraps in the garbage or compost.

Other Items Many regularly used household items, such as cat litter, can cause significant problems when flushed down the toilet. Other common culprits include condoms, underwear, needles, toys, stir-sticks, plastic spoons, steel shards, oil, and paint.

Hazardous Items For safety's sake, never put medicines or hazardous materials down the drain. Dispose of them at a household hazardous materials site.

A sewer backup can be a homeowner's nightmare. You can help prevent backups by watching what you flush and what goes down your drain. Questions? Contact Golden Valley Utilities Maintenance at 763-593-8075. 

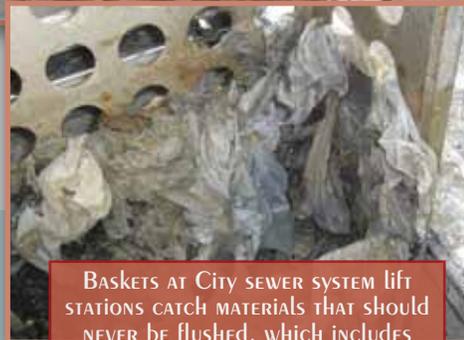
To Flush Or Not To Flush? Toilets Aren't Trash Cans

When deciding what you should or should not flush down your toilet (besides the obvious), the test comes down to one question. Is it toilet paper? If it isn't, throw it in a garbage can, recycling bin, or mulch pit. Kleenexes, paper towels, floss, any kind of cloth, gum, toothpaste, hair, ashtray dust, and cosmetic or feminine products all go in the garbage.

If you have to wonder whether or not something is flushable, it's not.

Toilet paper is the only material specifically made for flushing. Anything else clogs the sewer systems and leads to expensive repairs, time-consuming cleanings, and possible sewer back-ups, says Dave Lemke, City of Golden Valley utilities supervisor.

Everything flushed down a toilet enters the City sewer system. The sewer pipes are connected to lift stations, which are strategically placed around the City to pump sewage to adjust to elevation changes. Golden Valley Public Works staff checks these pumps daily to make sure they're not obstructed, explains Lemke.



BASKETS AT CITY SEWER SYSTEM lift STATIONS CATCH MATERIALS THAT SHOULD NEVER BE FLUSHED, WHICH INCLUDES EVERYTHING BUT TOILET PAPER.

Workers can spend several hours a day checking the pumps and fishing problem items out of the system. They've seen some strange things, including underwear, shirts, pillow cases, bed sheets, and rubber gloves, to name a few.

The photos to the right show heavy-duty cleaning wipes clogging the basket leading to a wet well at a City sewer system lift station. The basket also caught some clothing.

"We installed the basket to catch debris before it gets sucked in and clogs the pumps, creating a sewer backup," says Lemke. "We check the basket every day and have to empty it at least three times a week."

"We pull all kinds of things out of there, just oddball stuff I can't figure out why anyone would flush down a toilet," Lemke says. But the materials that cause the most frequent problems and the biggest clogs are feminine products and floss. "Dental floss is really hard on the systems."

The City recently replaced sewer lift pumps at one lift station for \$25,000. These utilities could last a lot longer if people didn't use toilets like trash cans, Lemke says. If it's garbage, instead of flushing, throw it out. 

If you have to wonder whether or not something is flushable, it's not.

What's New In Golden Valley Development?

Golden Valley may be a fully developed community, but it still sees its share of action when it comes to new businesses or renovations to existing ones. The following is an overview of some changes happening around town.

SMASHBURGER

In July, SmashBurger opened in the Golden Valley Shopping Center. The burger joint is considered a fast-casual restaurant, similar in format to Chipotle and Noodles and Company. SmashBurger offers hamburgers with sides as well as smashchicken sandwiches, salads, and smashdogs.



TRUSTONE FINANCIAL

TruStone Financial, formerly known as Teacher's Federal Credit Union, is preparing to construct a new branch at the corner of Hwy 55 and Boone Ave. In 2008, TruStone Financial received City approval to construct a 7,700 square foot building with a four-lane drive-up banking facility on the site of a former gas station. While construction has not yet begun, the branch is expected to open by summer 2010. This new branch will replace the facility located at Country Club Dr and Hwy 55.

BYERLY'S RENOVATION

The approximately 42,000-square-foot supermarket at 5725 Duluth St undergoing extensive interior and exterior renovations, including:

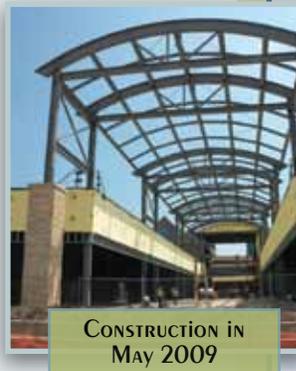
- a new, innovative food-service area to replace the Minnesota Grille restaurant and with a variety of fresh, made-to-order options for breakfast, lunch, and dinner
- a self-service chicken wing bar, dessert bar, salad bar, and hot, prepared food bar
- addition of a 20-plus seat community room that will be available to local groups and businesses at no charge
- addition of Big Bowl Chinese Express
- a completely revamped shopping area featuring improved self-service and service deli, bakery, meat, and seafood departments, and a farmer's market-inspired produce department
- new interior décor, including carpeting, floor finishes, and accent lighting
- extensive renovations to the store's exterior, including a new façade, signage, and additional windows

The store will remain open throughout the remodeling process, which is expected to be completed in April 2010.

THE SHOPS AT WEST END

The West End, a 40-acre development in St Louis Park at the southwest corner of I-394 and Hwy 100, is nearing completion of its first phase. The Shops at West End, a 350,000-square-foot lifestyle retail center, is expected to open this fall. It is anchored by Rainbow Foods (which opened Aug 18), and it will include a 14-screen Kerasotes movie theater, fashion boutiques, and restaurants. Stores planned for the center so far include: Anthropologie, Creative Kidstuff, Glamour Nails, Love Culture, Omaha Steaks, Raze, Republic of Couture, Über Baby, Verizon Wireless, Crave, Jimmy John's, Noodles, The Cooper, and Tobey Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill.

Later phases will include 1.1 million square feet of class A office space and a hotel. While the shops are located in St Louis Park, a portion of the office space will be located in Golden Valley. For more information on the West End, visit www.theshopsatwestend.com.



CONSTRUCTION IN MAY 2009

Goodbye, Sandburg Middle School

This fall, for the first time in 50 years, no school buses delivered students to Sandburg Middle School. Students now attend either Robbinsdale or Plymouth Middle School. The Robbinsdale Area School District has identified new uses for the building, which will not start until 2010.

The Sandburg building will be remodeled to better serve uses moving from other buildings, including the Winnetka Learning Center, Cavanagh Early Childhood Center and New Hope School. Programs that will relocate include Adult Basic Education, English Language Learning, adult enrichment, senior programs, early childhood programs (Early Childhood Family Education, Creative Play preschool, special education, and early childhood special education). Additionally, the alternative high school (Highview) will move to Sandburg.

Relocation of activities will be staged, with the possibility that some will move in early 2010. All activities except those in New Hope School are likely to be relocated by the start of the 2010-11 school year.



Carol's Utility Billing Reminder

Sanitary sewer rates for quarterly residential accounts are based on water consumed during the following times:

Mid-Oct through Mid-Jan
Billed Apr 30; Due May 28

Mid-Nov through Mid-Feb
Billed May 31; Due Jun 28

Mid-Dec through Mid-Mar
Billed Jun 30; Due Jul 28

City Improves Safety Near Noble School

Walking to school at Noble Elementary is safer this fall, thanks to a new sidewalk and speed zone warning system on Noble Ave and Hampton Rd. Both were funded in part by a federal Safe Routes To School grant awarded to the City of Golden Valley in April 2008.

The Problem

Noble Elementary School serves about 440 students in grades K-5. Students living closer than a half-mile are required to walk or find their own transportation (bicycling is not allowed). Roughly half the students live east of Noble Ave, which had a sidewalk along its west side adjacent to the school but no sidewalk on its east side. These walkers sometimes crossed Noble at undesirable locations or followed the grass boulevard on the east side to the patrolled school crossing at Hampton Rd. Traffic volumes and speeds on Noble contribute to the safety concerns.

The Solution

The new sidewalk on the east side of Noble Ave between Merribee Dr and Hampton Rd allows students to safely walk to an expanded waiting area at the Hampton Rd school crossing. New signage and modified crosswalk markings better inform drivers of the crossing location.

In addition, real-time radar speed signs at both ends of the school zone provide instantaneous feedback to drivers. The flashing lights on the sign also alert drivers to the presence of children during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal periods.

When driving through school zones, remember to reduce your speed during times when the flashing lights are active, and remember that children may also be present when school is not in session.

If you have questions about the improvements or the Safe School Routes Grant, contact Golden Valley Public Works at 763-593-8030.



NEW SIDEWALK



REAL-TIME RADAR SPEED SIGN

Drive Safely In School Zones

Traffic accidents are the leading cause of death and injury among school-aged children, and pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of unintentional death in children ages 5 to 14.

Children age 10 and under cannot judge the speed or distance of moving vehicles, and their peripheral vision is one-third less than that of an adult. That means it's up to drivers to take responsibility for safety in areas where children are present. The following tips will help.



- Slow down. Drive 20 miles per hour in urban school areas, whether children are present or not, and never pass another vehicle in a school zone.
- Look for safety patrols, school buses, and other signs that children are in the area.
- Scan between parked cars and other objects for children who might dart out. For children age 9 and under, about 50 to 70 percent of injuries result from darting into the street.
- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking to the bus stop or walking or biking to school.
- Watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks, and for children playing and gathering near bus stops.
- Be alert and ready to stop. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Avoid distractions such as cell phones and other devices.

School Crossing Locations

- Jersey Ave S & Western Ave
- Glenwood Ave & Xenia Ave
- Medicine Lake Rd & Florida Ave N
- Medicine Lake Rd & Boone Ave N
- Noble Ave N & Hampton Rd
- Natchez Ave & Glenwood Ave
- Medicine Lake Rd & Idaho Ave N
- Douglas Dr & Sandburg Rd

Seat Belt Law Saves Lives

In June, Minnesota became the nation's 29th state with a primary seat belt law, which enables police to ticket drivers solely for failure to wear seat belts. Research by the US Department of Transportation estimates that in 2007, seat belts saved 15,147 lives.

Minnesota's new law requires that the driver and all passengers in a vehicle wear a seat belt and face a fine if anyone older than 15 violates the law. The law also makes drivers liable for the violations of any passengers younger than 15. In Hennepin County, a citation for not buckling up is \$103. In addition, a citation for not having a child (under age 8 and under 57 inches tall) buckled up is \$128.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety estimates the new law will save up to 30 additional lives and prevent 400 injuries annually. The department further estimates it will result in a savings of \$11 million in hospital charges the first year after passage.

The National Safety Council (www.nsc.org) saves lives by preventing injuries and deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the roads through leadership, research, education, and advocacy.



VOTE On Nov 3

Polls in Golden Valley open at 7 am Tuesday, Nov 3 for the municipal general election (see page 16 for details). You may only vote in person at your assigned polling place but may vote absentee ahead of time if conditions warrant.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee voting is available for those who can't get to their polling place on election day because of illness or disability, absence from the precinct, religious observance, or service as an election judge in another precinct. There are two ways to do this:

Vote In Person Vote at Golden Valley City Hall during regular business hours, 8 am to 4:30 pm. Extended absentee voting hours will be available Saturday, Oct 31, from 10 am to 3 pm, and Monday, Nov 2, from 8 am to 5 pm.

Vote By Mail An application for an absentee ballot can be picked up at City Hall or downloaded from the City website. If voting by mail, remember your voted ballot must arrive at City Hall by election day for the vote to count, so allow enough time for postal service delivery. If you have questions about absentee voting, contact Edie Ernst at 763-593-8017.

Absentee voting is available starting Oct 2.

VOTER REGISTRATION

You will need to register if you have never registered to vote, if you have changed your name or address since you last voted (including moving to another apartment in the same building), or if you have not voted in four years.

You may register to vote at any time except for the 20 days preceding an election (this year the cut-off is 5 pm Oct 13). All voters must:

- be at least 18 years old on election day
- be a citizen of the United States
- have resided in Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding election day
- maintain residence at the address given on the registration form
- not be under guardianship of the person
- have not been found by a court to be legally incompetent to vote
- have not been convicted of a felony without having civil rights restored

You may register by mail or in person by completing a Voter Registration Card. Cards are available online (www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/citygovernmentvoterregistrationapplication.htm) and at most government offices and public libraries. Golden Valley locations include:

City of Golden Valley
7800 Golden Valley Rd
Golden Valley, MN 55427

Golden Valley Library
830 Winnetka Ave N
Golden Valley, MN 55427

You may also register directly with the county at:

Hennepin County Government Center
300 South 6th Street - Public Service Level
Minneapolis, MN 55487

Minnesota allows voters to register to vote at the polls on election day (see sidebar for required identification).

If you have questions about elections or voting in Golden Valley, contact City Clerk Sue Virnig at 763-593-8010.

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REGISTER On Election Day

Golden Valley residents who register to vote at their polling places (see sidebar on page 16) on election day will need to verify residence with one of the following:

- Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, identification card, or receipt for one, with your current address
- Minnesota Tribal ID
- recent utility bill* with your current address (if your Minnesota license, Tribal ID, or MN State ID has a former address)
- "Notice of Late Registration" letter
- US passport with utility bill*
- US military photo ID card with utility bill*
- prior registration listed on roster at former address in precinct
- oath of a registered voter in precinct ("vouching")

Students can use:

- student ID, registration, or fee statement with your current address
- student photo ID with utility bill*
- student ID if you are on a student housing list on file at the polling place
- someone who is registered in the precinct where you live who will vouch for your residence

*Note: The utility bill must have your name, current address, and be due within 30 days of the election. Utility bills may be for electric, gas, water, solid waste, sewer, telephone, or cable TV.



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Voting Locations

For the Nov 3 municipal general election, you must vote in your own precinct between 7 am and 8 pm. To find your voting location, go to <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>.

-  **Precinct 1**
NE Fire Station
3700 Golden Valley Rd
-  **Precinct 2**
Valley Presbyterian Church
3100 North Lilac Dr
-  **Precinct 3**
Meadowbrook School
5430 Glenwood Ave
-  **Precinct 4**
LOGIS
5750 Duluth St
-  **Precinct 5**
SE Fire Station
400 Turners Crossroad S
-  **Precinct 6**
Golden Valley City Hall
7800 Golden Valley Rd
-  **Precinct 7**
Christian Life Center
8025 Medicine Lake Rd
-  **Precinct 8**
Brookview Community Center
200 Brookview Pkwy

City Ballot Includes Five

Five Golden Valley residents will be on the ballot Nov 3 for two Golden Valley City Council seats. The four-year terms of Council members Paula Pentel and DeDe Scanlon are up Dec 31, 2009.

Joanie Clausen, Mark Friedrichs, Blair Tremere, and Pentel and Scanlon are candidates for the two Council seats.

For more information about the election, see the article on page 15 or click to www.ci.golden-valley.mn.us/citygovernment/voting.htm. Official election results will be posted on the City website as soon as they become available. 

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Not sure what precinct you live in? Visit pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us to locate your polling place.

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